REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the specification. Submitted herewith is a substitute specification for overcoming such objection.

Regarding the issue with the IDS, attached herewith is a copy of the JP8274680 reference requested by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

In view of the previous interviews between applicant and the Examiner, as well as the amendments made hereinabove, applicant asserts that such rejection is overcome. If the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned to discuss such issue.

The Examiner has further rejected Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In view of the previous interviews between applicant and the Examiner, as well as the amendments made hereinabove, applicant asserts that such rejection is overcome. Again, if the Examiner disagrees, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned to discuss such issue.

Applicant further draws the Examiner's attention to new Claims 16 – 26 which are presented for searching:

16. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information is selected from the group consisting of a name of a grammar each utterance was recognized against, a name of an audio file on a disk, a directory path to the audio file, a size of the audio file, a session identifier, an index of each utterance, a dialog state, a recognition status, a recognition confidence associated with a recognition result, a recognition hypothesis, a gender of a speaker, an identification of a transcriber, and a date the utterances are transcribed.

17. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information includes a name of a grammar each utterance was recognized against, a name of an audio file on a disk, a directory path to the audio file, a size of the audio file, a session identifier, an index of each utterance, a dialog state, a recognition status, a recognition confidence associated with a recognition result, a recognition hypothesis, a gender of a speaker, an identification of a transcriber, and a date the utterances are transcribed.

18. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the utterances and the information are stored in the database, and the database is capable of being queried for results selected from the group consisting of a number of the utterances, a percentage of rejected utterances for a grammar, an average length of each utterance, a call volume in a predetermined range, a popularity of a grammar state, and a transcription management parameter.
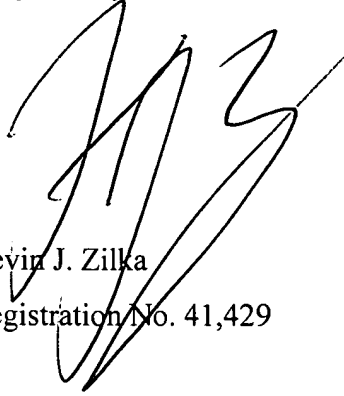
19. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the utterances and the information are stored in the database, and the database queried for results includes a number of the utterances, a percentage of rejected utterances for a grammar, an average length of each utterance, a call volume in a predetermined range, a popularity of a grammar state, and a transcription management parameter.

20. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the speech recognition application is improved by performing experiments based on the information.

21. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one user interface includes a first icon for emitting a present utterance upon the selection thereof.

22. (New) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the at least one user interface includes additional icons for emitting previous and next utterances upon the selection thereof.

23. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one user interface includes a string field for allowing a user to enter a string corresponding to each utterance.

24. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one user interface includes a comment field for allowing a user to enter comments regarding a plurality of transcriptions.

25. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one user interface includes a hint menu for allowing a user to choose from a plurality of strings identified by the speech recognition process.

26. (New) The method as recited in claim 25, wherein the hint menu allows the user to do a manual comparison between the utterances and results of the speech recognition process.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The

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